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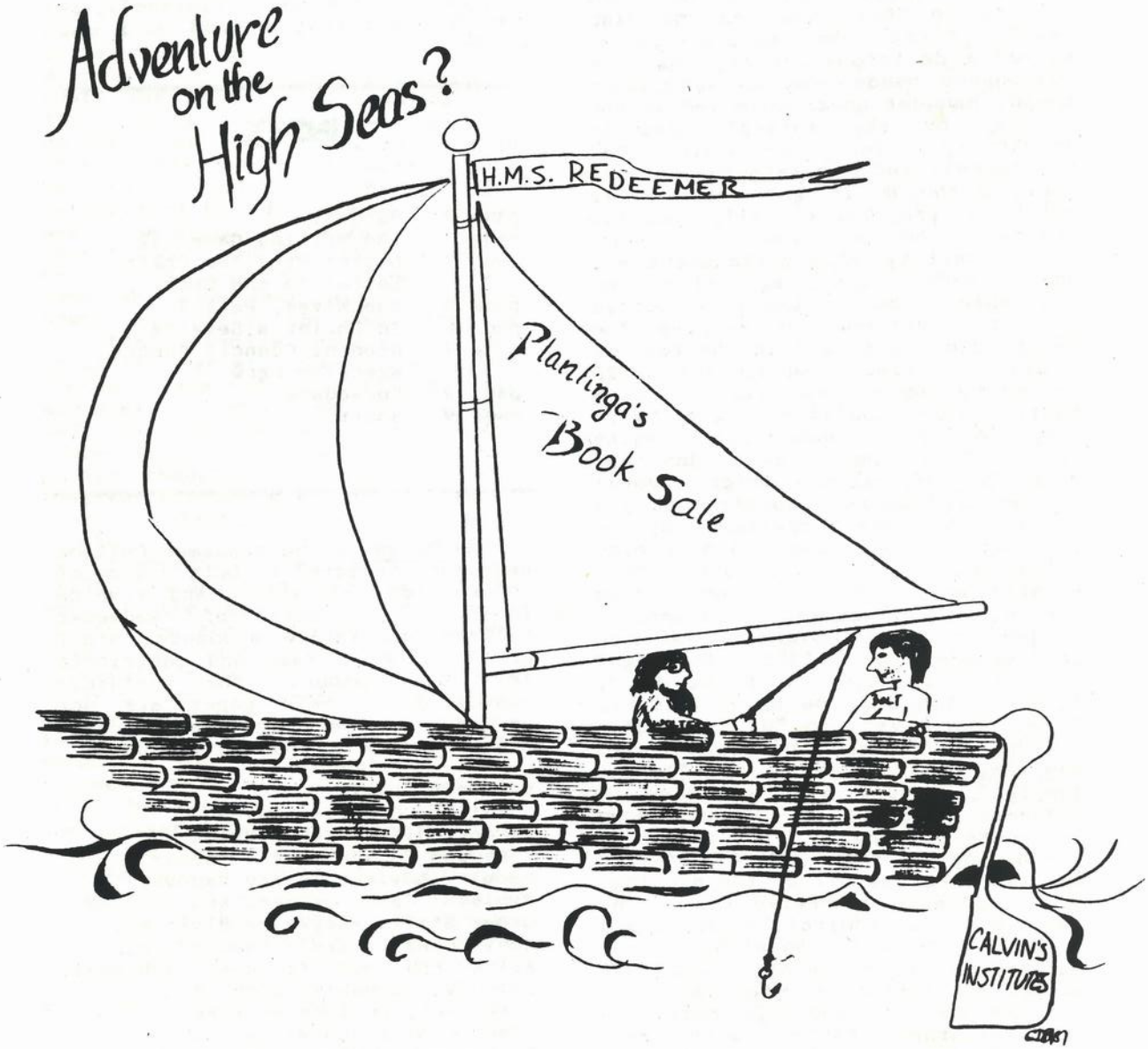

BANQUET

Wilma Luth

On January 30 all warm-blooded Redeemer sea-farers cruised down to the 67 Banquet Hall to spend an evening in "Full Sail on the High Seas". First the hall's galley served a delicious dinner, just the sustenance needed for the adventure ahead. Banquet goers were led in the journey by the intrepid Captain Blackbeard (or was it Red Moustache?) and his faithful servant Igor, although it was quite clear which of the duo actually was the brains of the operation.

The variety of entertainment was what made the excursion so enjoyable. The audience witnessed cultural performances by the "No Sweat Dutch Duet" and in the form of a skit entitled "Van De Boat Aaf" (named by someone who did not learn their Dutch spelling.) They were inspired by a number of singing acts. They were awed by the diversity of talents which several of the professors demonstrated. (Is it true that the Recruitment Office is tempting Dr. Loney with a nice raise and every Friday off?) They identified with a young mime struggling with career decisions.

One of the highlights was the performance of "The Remnants" (formerly te Banting House Boys, formerly Ken and the Benjaminites). "A Million Ways" and "Up the Ladder to the Roof" were enjoyed by all. The real treat, however, was "In the Jungle," a song now legendary in Redeemer circles. It brought down the house (or should I say ship?)

"Mutiny in the General Office" was the surprise hit of the evening. The audience cheered as the swash-buckling Admiral DeBolster and Captain Cooper squelched the mutinying office staff (but not before the sailor/secretaries struck Captain Smouter and his more-than able-assistant Payton with many well-aimed missiles). Several students were heard to remark, "They are human!"

Although the trip was long, after the innumerable references to relocated water and incomprehensible tuition schemes were finished, it must be said that a good sail was had by all.

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THE WAITING GAME CONT'D

Helen Vreugdenhil

The College has two more proposals before the government of Ontario at this point. The first of these has been submitted to the Ontario Council of University Affairs, which is an advisory council to the minister in charge of University Affairs. This is a proposal that Redeemer be allowed to award the Bachelor of Arts degree, the degree which the secular universities offer. Some history on this matter may be necessary. The Robarts Policy, which was established in 1964, states that "no new free-standing degree granting institution" can be established in Ontario. An exception of sorts was made when Redeemer was given the power to grant the Bachelor of Christian Studies degree in its original charter. This is a unique degree, invented specifically for Redeemer. At the time the College had to be content with this concession. But now the higher powers thought that this was the time to take matters a step farther.

The Robarts Policy is under consideration: it is being reviewed by the government. But as Dr. Cooper said, this does not mean that we are out of the woods yet. The main reason why the government does not want to establish any more universities is financial. Although Redeemer and the other institutions who have applied for this status are independent, privately-funded schools, the government probably suspects that the ultimate motive could be financial. Almost all of the universities in Ontario were once private, religiously-based institutions. Wilfred Laurier University is an example: it was a Lutheran college until 30 years ago,and then it asked the government for support and became secular. Redeemer College has promised to enshrine in its constitution that it will not do this. Still, a government has to be suspicious.

Another factor is that of academic freedom. The government is doubtful that professors will really be free to practice their academic freedom. However, this is the same question which the AUCC had about the College when they came for a visit last year. They were satisfied on that point, and others, and allowed Redeemer "associate member" status. Dr. Cooper said that Redeemerand its faculty are really looking for academic freedom--the freedom to put Christian faith and principles into action in the academic areas as well as in individual's lives.

The chairman in charge of the matter, Marnie Paikin, has been to visit at Redeemer. She attended the ceremonies surrounding the dedication last November. The brief was submitted last July 31, but since this is a very complex matter, it could be some time yet before the ministry makes its decision. The ICS and OISE, both of Toronto, are two of the other schools involved. But we can be hopeful. There has been one good piece of news. When (as we are sure will happen eventually) the degree is changed, the change will be retroactive: people who have graduated with the BCS will be able to send in their old degree and "trade it in" for a new one. After all, Redeemer will not be changing their requirements at all. We are doing BA work. We all should keep this matter in our prayers, as we look forward to the day when the government realizes the quality work which Redeemer College is doing.

Have you ever wondered...

...why the "lobbies" of the women's washrooms by the library are well-lit, whereas the men have to find the door in the dark?

FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

As time passes here at Redeemer, the small idiosyncracies of our individual units have become apparent to us. The leaky showers, the soft spots in the floors, and the individuality of the door latches are all now known and familiar. Yet while these things aggravate us, they have also come to denote our arrival at "home." To state it somewhat differently, our units have been personalized.

Sadly, this personalization is not of the type most of us would prefer. In other words all is not tickity-boo in La-la land. The fact is that we have all attempted to have this particular type of unit personalization eradicated. On the whole the students here at Redeemer would rather have plants, stereos, T.V.'s, and plush sofas to personalize their units. Which leads us to the main concern of this particular "Letter from the Chair."

The sad fact is that many of our attempts to get the workmen in to fix the things in our units are met with stony silence. Damage reports are dutifully sent off to the Residence Director and she assures me that they are passed on, but nothing happens. One could almost be led to a dispensationalist understanding of bureaucratic paper-shuffling and believe that our damage reports have been raptured, yet assuredly this is not so. What then happens to our damage reports?

To state it simply, we're not sure. I have been told that part of the problem is getting the contractors back in to correct the mistakes. Hoogie is not to blame, as we wait upon the contractors. This being the case, it still makes one wonder why the involvement of President DeBolster or Dr. Kranendonk makes such a difference. While the power that these two gentlemen wield is a recognizable and tangible force (look at their office size!!!), bureaucracies are designed to allow some of this power to rub off and allow those lower on the totem pole to act on behalf of those who really hold the power. In essence, the response acheived by President DeBolster or Dr. Kranendonk should be no different than that acheived by those on the lower levels of the bureaucracy.

Realizing that this is all nice theory and that the contractors may nevertheless ignore the summonses of the underlings, it would be appreciated if those responsible for contacting the contractors would let the denizens of the units know the status of their repair requests. Sympathy would be more forthcoming and grumblings towards the administration would be minimized by such communication. Blame for the tardy repair services could then be positively determined.

With such communication between Administration and the Unit-dwellers, things in La-la land would be a whole lot more tickity-boo. I think so; do you?

LETTERS TO THE CHAIR

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that there is a problem concerning the Senior Inter-disciplinary Seminar, the course which all senior students are required to take; all, that is, except the Elementary Education students, who are required to take Issues in Education. I am just wondering why it is that the students of this particular discipline are segregated from the rest of the senior class. If the course is indeed inter-disciplinary, why is this discipline not included? Surely the students from various disciplines can learn from the education students, and vice versa.

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I feel that the members of both parties are missing out on some valuable interaction.

I also feel that the Senior Inter-disciplinary Seminar allows for the whole senior class to feel unified. The education students will be automatically excluded from senior discussions. I feel that this kind of segregation undermines the whole purpose of having an inter-disciplinary course for the senior class. Perhaps someone who knows about this important issue can address the senior class through the Crown.

Elizabeth Schinkel

THE WIVES: PART II

Featuring Marlene Hoekstra

Dick Kievit

Born and raised in Burlington, Marlene Hoekstra is now the wife of our student Jan-Pieter, who is completing his final year at Redeemer. Marlene attended Trinity Christian School and Hamilton Christian High, and after having finished grade 13, took up a position as manager of a Baskin-Robbins ice-cream store in the Burlington Mall, where she still works, although the store is now called Madison's.

Though many of us may not know her personally, Marlene is not entirely strange at Redeemer. She remembers a few of the older students with whom she attended Hamilton High. Still others she knows from Young People's at Burlington CRC (New Street), where she used to be a member when many Redeemer students worshipped there.

Marlene and Jan-Pieter were married last October. For several reasons--including economical, seeing as Marlene could keep her job in Burlington--Jan-Pieter decided to finish his History major at Redeemer rather than Calvin. To those students who are planning to get married in the near future, and who may be somewhat skeptical about living on campus, Marlene has to say that she is quite content living here. Not only is it convenient for Jan-Pieter, but she also feels that they do have enough privacy living in the dorms.

Marlene enjoys reading and baking (she makes wonderful "boterkoek"!), though of course her favourite delicacy is ice-cream. Besides this, Marlene has been active for a few years in the Friendship Club--reaching out to the mentally retarded, which she now does every Tuesday evening, along with several of our students, at the Ancaster CRC, where she and Jan-Pieter are now members.

This summer Marlene and Jan-Pieter hope to find a place to live in Burlington, as Jan-Pieter is planning to go to MacMaster and teacher's college afterwards. Their dream is that eventually they will find a teaching position for Jan-Pieter in the North-west Territories, and can live there for a few years.

Marlene's profound philosophical statement is, as is so often with profound thought, embodied in a simple formula, which those of us who are already worrying about next Christmas' exam schedule may do well to take to heart, namely: to live just one day at a time. We will be sorry to see Jan-Pieter and Marlene leave this spring. We thank them for living with us, for their contribution to the Redeemer College community, and sincerely wish them God's blessing in their future.

[A biography of Marlene would of course be incomplete without a recipe of her "boterkoek" special: Take a half-pound of margarine; let that sit for a few hours to soften. Mix with it: 2 cups flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 tablespoon of baking powder (and you might wish to put some nuts on top). Heat in the oven at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes.]

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

How I Love Your Law

Ernie Langendoen

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. (Ps. 119:9)

O, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long. (Ps. 119:97)

Psalm 119 is a celebration of the Word of God that God has given to His people. While the focus is on God who has given His Word, yet the author of Psalm 119 points out the importance of God's Word in our love-relationship with God. God, out of His divine love, has given us a great gift, a gift we need, in order to live, to hold dearly to our heart, to meditate on all day long. For only in God's Word do we learn of who God is, of what Jesus Christ has done, and how we are to live lives through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Many of us call ourselves Christian Reformed people--Christians first, but we also ought to hold dear the name Reformed when it is understood as that Christian expression of faith that is based on God and on His Holy Word. That is good, because the Bible also tells us that the Word of God should be held onto firmly--it needs to be impressed on our community, talking of it as we sit at home and as we walk along the road, as we lie down and get up, as symbols on our hands and bound on our foreheads, and written on the doorframe of our houses and on our gates (see Deuteronomy 6). All of our life ought to be characterized by a radicalness that finds its full expression in love to God first of all, and then expressed as love to our neighbour. When a person is in love, then he desires to be with the one he loves, to talk with him/her and to share with him/her their love. So it ought to be even more so with our love for God--we need to communicate with Him, being led by the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit to study His Word, praying and meditating on it. While the love between two people is private, the love for God is not only private, it is also communal. Therefore we not only relate to God as individuals, but we also get together communally to read and discuss His Word and to pray together in the Holy Spirit. We do this at home, we do it as Redeemer students in our cell groups and in our dorm Bible studies, and we do it when we go to church, where we specifically hear the proclamation of the Word of God by the preacher.

It is not always easy to find time to read the Bible, to meditate on it, and to then pray to God. Study, work, leisure time--all can be used by the Devil to keep us from the glorious treasure God has given to us. Let us encourage each other to walk in the light of God's Word, talking of it plainly to those who are one with us in faith, and to also boldly witness to those who have turned from it or who have never really heard it.

God, You are a great and glorious God, and we thank You for the gift of Your Word, that Word that reveals to us our life in Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit lead and guide us here at Redeemer. And may we be filled with a desire to share Your love and Your Word with all people, even to the ends of the earth. May our lives be characterized by a love for Your Word.

Have you ever wondered...

...why all the midterms are scheduled for before the study break, so that when we are given a couple of days to study, there's nothing to study anymore?

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Wikkerink

The Town Hall meeting on Thursday was fairly well attended by students. Beth-Anne opened the meeting and then turned it over to the chairmen of the committees for the reports on their activities. Stuart Admiral discussed the finances of the Council and the purchases that were made, noting that there was a lot of money spent this year on initial expenditures. Grace Sikma reported on the busy work that the Volunteer Committee is doing, and told us of the recycling project that was being discussed in the Council. This would not involve any money but would rather be done for stewardship purposes. Ruth Ann Dykstra told us about the work of the Activities Committee and the difficulty that was being experienced in the transfer of this facet of the Council to the Student Life Department. Fred VanArragon boasted about the achievements of the Council in the area of Students Concerns; he was trying to be modest but it is hard when there have been many successes.

Fred then went on to discuss the results of the questionnaire. Apparently only 50 out of the 250 handed out were returned. Nothing very conclusive arose out of this questionnaire responses except a discussion about the length of the November and Christmas breaks. After this, there was an open question period in which various questions were raised. The pool project was questioned but Beth-Anne reported that nothing was going to be done until grants are affirmed. Another person raised the question of regulations on the music in the Student Centre. Pete Tuininga (Student Centre Supervisor) replied that there is a regulation on the volume and that "the majority rules" as far as what is played. The end result was a rather heated discussion about the present regulations. Unfortunately this took up the rest of the meeting and Beth Anne adjourned the meeting. The suggestion was that another time would be arranged to finish the remainder of the agenda since many issues were not dealt with.

WRECKING CREW

Who was that wrecking crew that came through Redeemer College at 11 p.m. Wednesday night? For the ignorant few, imagine this: A wrecking crew with a huge wrecking ball smashed the wall directly across from the Artsies Hideout. But the Grapevine says: the ball was A PERSON! In fact, a person of high esteem in Student Council, in fact TWO PERSONS from Student Council; and both on the Activity Committee! I think we should question their methods of creating new offices. Perhaps Professor Plantinga can hide his ties in there, or Professor Bolt can store his books there--away from any and all waterpipes.

One of the two (Miss Destructo Van Gurp) experienced job fulfillment when Kors and Kranendonk were satisfied with their work and hired them to find more Office Spaces, and perhaps Broken Water Pipes. Professor Bolt would appreciate a Hole-y girl and guy to help him in his crusade to find other places of faulty plumbing hidden behind his walls and bookshelves. But give them the benefit of the doubt. Maybe Miss Destructo V.G. and Wimp-Out Bouwers were testing the structure of our esteemed college. (It does sound rather incredible though, that little Miss V.G. could push Big Strong Mr. Bouwers around like that, doesn't it?) A protest should be made against V.G.'s use of Brute Force towards the male population. Pink Floyd said it best by stating: "All in all it's just another hole in the wall."

COR-OGATE

Ken DeVries

Last week Wednesday, January 28, 1987, in the revered and adhered Time Out, Eh! publication, I was assigned to investigate further into the disturbing new evidence that had been discovered and presented by "an anonymous source" to the Student Life department. The picture looked self-evident, you may recall, but it just did not look plausible enough for me, a reporter in mind and heart. I wish to ignore that extra title "ace" that someone thought sounded good; it does not take anything more than "press boy" to see that the given picture implied much more than originally intended.

This picture shows someone (identified as "Mr. D. VanDucksma") wrecking the waterpipes. The viewers--the readers of the revered and adhered Time Out Eh!--are lead to believe that Mr. VanDucksma was responsible for the office flooding that was experienced on the Sunday before. This is what the members of the Redeemer College Student Life Department wish that everyone else would believe.

Unfortunately for the alleged "anonymous source" (of course) and his secretarial friends, I have found out the real reason for the publishing of this picture. I--and several others who have told me--recognized the character in the picture as Donald Duck, one of the many characters who helped in building up the entertainment empire of Walt Disney. Not only is Donald known for that, but many of us grew up with him and his pals through the wonderful media of cartoons, comic books, and Disneyland advertisements. The picture was taken from a well-loved comic book about Donald's adventures in fixing the plumbing for his one and true love, Daisy. But why is the blame for Redeemer's water problems being placed on Donald?

My investigations led me to the office of that mentor of students, Mr. Cor Kors. Having gained entry to that well-guarded office on some flimsy excuse, I found all that I needed. I saw a picture of the head of Donald Duck enclosed in a red circle with a big slash over it (a.k.a. the Ghostbusters symbol). That was it! The "anonymous source" was no-one but Cor Kors, who placed the picture in his publication, Time Out Eh! (where free enterprise and other unnecessaries supposedly have no place), to discredit someone we grew up with and has found a place in our hearts for many years to come. The picture was just someone's idea of laying blame for a contractor's mistake on someone he did not like. Mr. Kors, you may get us away from our high-school mentality, but you cannot remove vestiges of our childhoods!

"We will send ace reporter K.D. from the **Crown** out to investigate this latest Watergate-type scandal." Yes, it does look like Watergate, except that that old one fourteen years ago had no water. But like the Senate committee that the late great Richard Nixon sent out to tell the public what happened, so I hope that I have uncovered the whole ugly story. And I should add that I think that was also an ugly smear put on the many people here who are proud to be Frisians by choosing the name that was placed with the picture. It will do little to ask for or force out a resignation, and I have no wish for that to happen. But I feel that all who may have been "taken in" by this picture will see what was really behind it. And hold on to your childhood!

Have you ever wondered...

...how much damage Professor Boersema could do if he were given more power? He's already defying regular English by teaching his students that $C+I_g+G+X = GNP$.

SPORTS

Women's Volleyball

Mary-Jane Blyleven

The women's volleyball team attended yet another tournament on January 31 at George Brown College in Toronto. We competed against three other colleges--including George Brown and two Sir Sanford Fleming teams--in a round-robin tournament. All matches were best-2-out-of-3 games.

I'm sorry to inform you that this past tournament was not one of our better ones. We lost to all three teams and went down in the over-all standings. We attribute this loss to the fact that our mentality was not focused on the games, but was still on Friday night's successful banquet.

We applied our new defence strategy on some of the games played at this tournament and it must be said that the girls played this new strategy to the best of their ability. More work must be done on it to perfect it so that we can play it to our advantage.

Perhaps we can use this new strategy in this Saturday's tournament which will be hosted at Lambton College in Sarnia. It is at this tournament where we will be playing against Eastern teams. This should be interesting as we have yet to compete with them.

On Saturday, February 14, the Tier II Volleyball Championships will be held at Fanshawe College. All those within the top 8 teams will attend this tournament.

Keep up the good work Royals, and hope to see you at Fanshawe!

Men's Volleyball

Kevin DeRaaf

I know what you are thinking: you are thinking that you are about to read another piece of propoganda about the volleyball team. "Why all the hype?" you ask, "they only come in last anyway." Well, stop thinking those ridiculous thoughts right now, because have I got some news for you! At our last tournament, in Peterborough on January 24, the Redeemer Royals Men's Volleyball Team finished fifth out of six teams--ahead of Cambrian. Our general over-all play improved considerably since our last tournament, and we lost several close games against some tough teams. We split games against both Cambrian and St. Lawrence Colleges.

Tonight, the team will be leaving for our next tournament, which is tomorrow in Kingston. This tournament, along with the following one in two weeks time, makes up the Tier II OCAA Championships. If our play continues to improve, we should be able to move up higher in the standings. I think some moral support is what we need to pull it off. If you see a volleyballer in the halls today, be sure to stop him and say, "Hey you! We're behind you all the way!" Then give him a rousing cheer of: "SWEAT? NOOO SWEAT!!"

The Roach Coach

You know by now that cockroaches can handle those pressures under which even the best of us succumb. And now that midterms and papers are returning to their haunts on campus, reach out your hand and we'll send you the relief that you need. Believe me, you have no reason to be scared of our friends; it's your pressures and problems that you have to get rid of. When everything seems to be coming down on top of you, rent a cockroach from The Roach Coach. Come see our wide variety of species, or just call ext. 312 and hire your man for pressure when life becomes just too much.